

REMARKS

The specification and claims 1-3, 6, 7, 12-14, 17, and 18 have been amended, and claims 8 and 19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include certain limitations from original claims 2 and 3, and independent claim 12 has been amended to include certain limitations from original claims 13 and 14. Support for these amendments can also be found in originally filed Figs. 5b and 6.

Rejections under 35 USC 103

Claims 1-6, 9, 12-17 and 20 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over the Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of Kasuga, U.S. Patent 6,293,823. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 7, 8, 18 and 19 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over the Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of Kasuga and further in view of Cutsforth, U.S. Patent 6,652,360. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 10, 11, 21 and 22 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over the Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of Kasuga and further in view of Yasumoto, U.S. Patent 4,959,571. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1 and 12 recite a fan housing comprising a main body, a first section, a second section, a fixing portion, and a fastening structure, in which **the second section prevents one end of the screw from being exposed.**

The Applicant's Admitted Prior Art discloses a fan in a system having a main body 31 and through holes 33. A screw 37 passes the through hole and a hole disposed on the system frame 36 to engage with a nut 38. The Examiner's attention is drawn to the fact that, in the Applicant's Admitted Prior Art, **both ends of the screw 37 are exposed.**

The patent to Kasuga discloses a connector with a housing 10 and a circuit board 60. A nut-fixing part 20 is formed in the housing 10 and has a nut-holding room 26. A bolt 40 passes through the circuit board 60 and the nut-fixing part 20 to be connected with a nut 30 inserted into the nut-holding room 26. As can be seen in Fig. 1, the nut-fixing part 20 does **not** prevent one end of the bolt 40 from being exposed. With regard to Fig. 4a, this figure also demonstrates that both the first part 121 and the second part 122 have through holes for the bolt to pass through. Accordingly, the second part 122 **cannot** prevent one end of the bolt from being exposed.

The Applicant's Admitted Prior Art and the patent to Kasuga both fail to teach or suggest the second section preventing one end of the fastening structure from being exposed, as is recited in independent claims 1 and 12 of the present application. The secondary references to Cutsforth and Yasumoto fail to overcome the deficiencies of the primary references.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the prior art utilized by the Examiner fail to teach or suggest the fan assembly of independent claims 1 and 12, as well as their dependent claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC 103 rejections are respectfully requested.

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

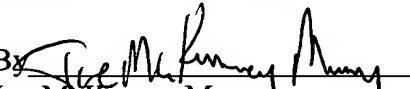
Because the additional prior art cited by the Examiner has been included merely to show the state of the prior art and has not been utilized to reject the claims, no further comments concerning these documents are considered necessary at this time.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Attachments

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached hereto are two (2) sheets of corrected drawings that comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The corrected drawings incorporate the following drawing changes:

In Fig. 5a, reference numeral "55" has been corrected to --551--, and reference numerals 552 and 55 have been added.

In Figs. 5b and 6, reference numerals 551, 552, and 55 have been added.

It is respectfully requested that the corrected drawings be approved and made a part of the record of the above-identified application.